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PROMPT ACTION

Runaway Cars Stopped, Possible Bad Wreck and Lives Saved.

What might have resulted in loss of life and a very bad wreck was averted Wednesday afternoon when John W. Smith stopped five runaway freight cars that had been knocked loose and started by a freight train as it pulled west out of the switch yards here.

Mr. Smith and some other men were working at the J. H. Findlay lumber yards about half a mile from the depot and saw the cars as they were running wild. He took in the situation at a glance and at once began to throw 2x4 lumber and other obstructions on the track. When the cars struck the obstacles it slowed them up so much that Mr. Smith was able to climb on top of the cars and set the brakes just as the cars reached the top of the slight grade near the lumber yard. Bailey Bradley assisted Mr. Smith some and set one brake just as the cars were coming to a stop.

Had Mr. Smith not stopped the cars they should have likely run seven or eight miles west, crossing seven bridges and trestles and passing eight or nine wagon crossings, unless they should have been wrecked sooner. There is no telling what the result would have been.

The section crew was coming toward Crossville on their car and had the cars not been stopped there might have been fatalities with them. What the property loss would have been is equally uncertain.

All in all Mr. Smith is to be commended for his thoughtfulness and prompt action. The railroad company should and probably will show him proper recognition for his work.

BUMPER CORN CROP

The corn crop is such a good one this year that the price is expected to fall materially; in fact prices have tumbled greatly now, if reports of agreed sales be correct.

Owing to the great amount of rain during August and the first part of this month much corn is down in this state and it is admitted that much soft corn will result. This soft corn must be used soon or it will spoil, which may mean that many cattle will be fattened on it.

In this county corn was a little later than in the lowlands and late corn has been damaged by not filling well, due to so much rain that the pollen was washed off before the grains could set. That with the large per cent. of down corn will seriously injure the crop in this county. The relative damage will be greater in this plateau section than in the low country because of the corn being later in maturing.

MECCA

Saturday night there will be given at the Mecca "The Hushed Hour" by Blanche Sweet, the star in "The Unpardonable Sin." In the "Hushed Hour" Judge Robert Appleton leaves as his dying request that each of his children spend one hour at his bier alone before the funeral. Each has a chance to look over their lives and what they feel as to their past life, which is shown on the screen, carries a most gripping story of life and character in remarkable strange phases. You will be benefited for a long time by the strong portrayal of character that "The Hushed Hour" carries. You cannot afford to miss it for it is one of the best shown by any movie today.

HARDING WILL SPEAK

It is now announced that Senator Warren G. Harding, republican candidate for president will speak in Chattanooga at night, Wednesday, Oct. 13. It is also arranged for Gov. Coolidge republican candidate for vice president, to make several speeches in this state. That would seem to indicate that the national committee has hopes of carrying the state for the republican ticket this time.

Hon. A. A. Taylor, republican candidate for governor against Gov. A. H. Roberts will open his campaign soon at Silver Point, Putnam county and make numerous speeches in Middle Tennessee as well as other parts over the state.

Col. Toague, of Rhea county is an avowed candidate on the republican ticket for State Senator from this district. He will make a few speeches in this county just before the election.

The democrats have arranged for Gov. James I. Cox, their candidate for president, to make some speeches in

How are your eyes?

Next Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9, Dr. Chas. A. Morel, of Rockwood, will be at the office of Dr. W. A. Reed to examine eyes and fit glasses. Will also give special attention to the examination of the eyes of children and fitting them with glasses.

Remember the dates, Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9.

this state. Nashville will be one point. Indications are for a warm time in Tennessee this year.

It has been decided that the women can vote this time without paying poll tax; they only have to register in the precincts where the Dorch law prevails and where it does not prevail they vote just as the men do, except no poll tax is required of them as it will be of the men. But there is one thing that every man should not fail to remember: You MUST PAY YOUR POLL TAX AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, which means not later than OCT. 2. Don't forget this and don't neglect to attend to it. If you vote in a Dorch law district, you must REGISTER also. The books will be open for registration twenty days before election for all who have not registered to do so. The dates for registration in this county will be from around October 7 to 9.

Prepare yourself so you can vote and then do not fail to vote, no matter what your political faith. Discharge your citizenship like a real red-blooded American citizen, who feels it both a duty and a privilege to vote.

Coffee Supply Assured.

Abyssinia is the original home of the coffee tree, and in the southern and western highlands of that country there are still immense forests of it that have never been touched.

REGISTRATION NOTICE

The Registration Books will be open at the various voting precincts in the First Civil District of Cumberland County, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 7, 8 and 9, 1920, for the purpose of permitting all voters to register who have not already done so.

Both men and women must register, if they expect to vote in the November election.

G. W. DAVENPORT, Chairman,
GEO. P. BURNETT, Secretary,
9-29-2 Board Election Commissioners.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD

One red cow, about nine years old, weight about 200 or 1,000 pounds, large horns turned back, sit in one ear, has calf about four weeks old. Last seen near Flat Rock. Ten Dollars reward will be paid to anyone taking her up and notifying me; will also pay beef bill. W. W. LANE, Clifty, Tenn., care of Ransom-Benedict Co. 6-29-20

The War Horse.

Mud-spattered, high power motorcars, careering along military roads, replaced foam-flecked chargers in the work of carrying generals and their staffs in the World war when it came to the actual business of a campaign. No panting charger carried a Wellington from a town 20 miles away—a motorcar did the work in 20 minutes without exciting comment. But the horse was not entirely robbed of his glorious place in the war. Motorcars might do the work better in actual campaigns, but when it came to the pomp and panoply the horse was not entirely robbed of his glory. An army headed by a fat general cuddled in the deep upholstery of a mere machine would not stir the imagination. He must sit on a prancing, arch-necked steed and return the cheers with sharp salutes while handling his mettlesome mount. So it was that the high officers of the allies had horses for ceremonial occasions.

Warning to Airmen Who Smoke.

An airman who drops a lighted pipe from his plane is responsible for any damage his pipe may cause. This was decided at a moot, or discussion, in Gray's Inn hall, London, recently, at which Justice Darling presided.

Mr. Justice Darling, in the course of his judgment, said that for an airman to take a lighted pipe and smoke it when flying at a point where if it fell it would fall by gravitation to the earth instead of to the moon, to allow it to fall or not to prevent it to fall—that was in itself prima facie negligence. If the pipe fell to earth and set fire to a haystack or did any other damage, the person injured was entitled to an action to recover damages for negligence.—Brooklyn Eagle.

His Last Effort.

Will Irving, who talked in Cleveland recently, related a story that was new to his hearers.

It concerned a colored soldier who was on his way home from France. The voyage was a rough one and the colored lad was badly banged about. He was sick and sore and discouraged.

"I want you-alls to understand," he said, "that this is my las' worl' war!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE

Some Excellent Reasons Why the Law Should Be Strictly Enforced

Editor Chronicle:

Not agreat while ago I called with a friend at the home of a woman who had an interesting daughter of about ten years of age, and being concerned about her education I tried to talk school to her, but it was no use as we changed the subject her mother said, with emphasis on the "want." "Well, maybe some day Mildred will want to go to school."

The incident suggests to my mind one of the most vital of all our school problems — COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE. There are some things in this life that simply have to be done; they may be hard; urxsome, distasteful and all that but they have to be done—going to school is one of them. There has been a great deal said lately about a child's individuality unfolding itself best by allowing it to follow its own inclinations. Mine were always toward a good fishing hole, and a pond with a row boat and a good pair of oars; and I suppose on the above theory, if they had, allowed me to follow my own inclinations I might now be at the head of some great fishing industry or captain of a transatlantic liner, but the chances are about one hundred to nothing that I would have added just one more to the uneducated, unintelligent multitude.

It is the opinion of the great American Commonwealth that no matter how children feel about it, they should be compelled to go to school. The reasons are plain enough: Education means enlightenment, brain power, intelligence put into ones work; it is like spectacles to poor eyes; it is a microscope to look into the secret and profound principles of life; it is a telescope to look far away beyond the things which men with ordinary vision cannot see. Education means an intelligent community, wise office holders and administrators and a thoughtful, efficient progressive people. It means prosperity and comfortable homes, to all of which if you add God will give, you have happiness for which the whole world seeketh.

The lack of education means the missing of all those blessings that education brings. How often we all have heard men say with deep regret: "Oh if I had only been made to go to school, but I was a fool, I thought I knew better, and refused to go and nobody insisted on it, and now it is too late." There comes a time therefore in the life of every child when that child should have should have have only one choice, and that to go to school; and if there be anyone, parent or child, who feels that his natural freedom is thereby coerced let him reflect that to be free after this manner now, means to be a slave later—the slave of ignorance, because the ignorant can only be slaves, slaves to menial tasks tasks they are compelled to perform; only the poorer and least desirable positions in life being open to them, they must grind away at those undesirable tasks all their lives because they were never trained for anything better.

I fully understand how hard it is for parents to give up the services of their growing boys and girls, and I am sorry for the man who is left alone in the field with everything to do and only one pair of hands to do it; but I wish to tell that brother that in sending his bright eyed little folks to school he is creating capital, pure and simple, to which he may add this fact that a family of well educated children is the finest life insurance a man can have. In them is not alone an increasing intelligence and capacity but hearts which will ever warm toward him and see that he is provided for during the rest of his days ministering to his wants with loving hands. These, Mr. Editor, are some of the thoughts that passed through my mind when Mildred's mother left the question of going to school for the child to decide.

But your folks in Cumberland County have an extra reason for compulsory school attendance. At the school your children have offered them this year is four months. Why, that is to education what soup is to a dinner, is only the first course, it's just the beginning. For twenty years I went to school and every year studied for nine or ten months. Folks here go to school for about twenty months and call it an education. Your children will intellectually starve on those rations. They must enter life crippled, handicapped, unable to compete with the better educated world. If four months are all the school Cumber-

land County can provide, then in the name of heaven, get every boy and girl in the county, round them up, miss no one and make those four months a period of the most intensive study held in any school in the country. Make it a feast like that of which Christ spoke of when many refusing to come, he said "Go into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

Now, at the beginning of the school term is the time to put this compulsory school law in force, and the man to do it for you is the truant officer; if ever a person had a responsible position, he has; and if he doesn't attend to it, he ought to be dismissed. His job is to see that children of school age attend school. It may not be a delightful task, but it is a necessary one—so necessary that the man who does it should be chosen with the greatest care.

Men get their offices in these days sometimes because they are popular or because they belong to the winning political party, and it is not infrequent that an office holder thinks that to take the money is the principal duty of his office; but the real and only reason for giving a man an office whatsoever is his efficiency and willingness to work. Any man who is perfectly agreeable to taking \$300—a full teachers salary, the salary of a little woman who is on the job all day every school day in the week, every week of the school year—for rounding up delinquents and doesn't turn in full worth of results ought to have his job taken from him, or the office which he occupies should be discontinued from the lack of the need of it. Get results or rounce your truant officer. Let him get busy, that would be far preferable; he's a good fellow.

But now Mr. Editor we've come to the crux of the whole matter. Upon my word, the roads in your county are the limit. I drove over them a month or so ago when the dust was so thick that with every automobile or team that passed, the clouds so ascended on all sides that the sun was turned into blood and it looked sure enough like the Day of Judgment was at hand, or maybe the Hindenberg hordes with caterpillar tractors were coming behind a screen of dense smoke.

Then came their ain, and all that dust was turned into mud through which to pass I had to roll up my trousers to my knees and ankle deep wallow through it for seven and a half miles to my destination. Now please tell what heart can truant officer put into his work or what in the name of common sense is the use of paying \$300 of those precious school funds to compel children to attend school when they can't get through the mud, and if they could in the colder weather they would be in first class condition to get bronchitis, tonsillitis, the flu, pneumonia and bright's disease, sitting all day in water soaked shoes and stockings. I want to say a great many things about improving your schools, but what is the use of wasting time and printers ink if the roads are so bad half the time the children can't get there. The teachers tell me: We'll they come pretty faithful until it begins to get cold and the wet weather sets in and then the smaller ones have to stay at home, and there is a gradual dropping off and we hardly have anybody." Good roads are at the basis of practically everything worth while in the community; over them you haul your farm produce; over them you carry your lumber; over them the traveling public goes—tourists, drummers bringing with them in their automobiles samples of their fine goods; over them the children must go to and from the schools to which they are sent. The whole world has adopted the modern road its means of intercourse and so long as you withhold good highways so long will you be shut out from the world and the advantages which commerce can bring you; and so long must your schools, sort though the tremas may be—remain unfilled, unattended while your homes are teeming with children upon whom Cumberland County is depending for its future.

A Student of Mountain Problems.

MAINE MAY LOSE MEMBER

Every time the census is taken a new apportionment of the Congressmen is made on the basis of population. It is generally admitted that the present membership of 435 is entirely too large because of being unwieldy. Some urge that the number be reduced to 300. This would be done by changing the population basis on which Congressmen are allowed to the several states. If the change should be made to 300 Maine would surely lose one or more Congressmen—she has only four now—and some other states would almost surely lose also.